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HIGHLIGHTS

- There have been a total of 51 fires reported this year. All fires have been human caused. Total acreage burned is 1,572 acres.
- On Tuesday, afternoon, a one acre fire began within the Small Arms
 Range at Fort Wainwright due to munitions training. An Emergency
 Response to the fire was put in action. The fire was in the prescribed burn
 area that was scheduled for Wednesday and so 1,200 acres were burned
 on Tuesday by Aerial Ignition to control the fire.
- Fire prevention week is May 13 19, 2007.
- A Red Flag warning has been posted for a portion of central interior Alaska for today until 10 PM. This includes the city of Fairbanks. For more information go to: http://fire.ak.blm.gov
- An updated predictive services report has been posted. For more information go to: http://fire.ak.blm.gov
- Thunderstorms with lightning were reported near McGrath and the Bethel area. There were 20 lightning strikes reported and some moisture with the storms. The storms are a little ahead of the normal time period for storms but not that early.
- A prescribed burn is tentatively scheduled for this weekend at Fort Richardson. The burn will be hand ignited and approximately 1,000 acres are scheduled to be ignited. There may be some smoke from the fires that may affect the Anchorage Area.

ADDITIONAL REFERENCES

- Alaska Interagency Coordination Center: http://fire.ak.blm.gov
 - Map of Current Fires: http://fire.ak.blm.gov/predsvcs/maps.php
 - Situation Report: http://fire.ak.blm.gov/content/aicc/sitreport/current.pdf
- National Fire Situation: http://www.nifc.gov/nicc/sitreprt.pdf

- Creating Defensible Space: http://firewise.org/ and http://www.dnr.state.ak.us/forestry/pdfs/02firewise.pdf
- Department of Transportation (Road Closure Info): (907) 451-2240, http://511.alaska.gov
- Division of Forestry, Burn Permit Info: (907) 451-2626, http://www.dnr.state.ak.us/forestry/fire/
- Department of Environmental Conservation (Smoke Concerns): http://www.dec.state.ak.us/air/am/smoke.htm
- National Parks Service: www.nps.gov/akso/Fire/firehome.htm
- National Weather Service: http://www.nws.noaa.gov/
- U.S. Fish and Wildlife: http://www.fws.gov/fire/
- USDA Forest Service: http://www.fs.fed.us/fire/
- Temporary Flight Restriction Information: http://airspace.nifc.gov/mapping/nifc
- Federal Aviation Administration: http://www.faa.gov